



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 10, 2008

### **H.R. 4056**

#### **Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 15, 2008*

H.R. 4056 would authorize the award of medals to federal, state, and local law enforcement officers cited by the Attorney General for acts of bravery performed in the line of duty. The act would create a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board and a State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board. The boards would be composed of a total of 16 members appointed by the Congress, the President, and law enforcement organizations. Both boards would be established within the Department of Justice (DOJ) and would be supported by a new DOJ office, the Congressional Badge of Bravery Office. H.R. 4056 would authorize the boards to conduct hearings and collect information from federal, state, and local agencies to evaluate the applications of prospective recipients and recommend candidates to the Attorney General.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4056 would cost less than \$500,000 annually. CBO expects that each board would rely primarily on hearings and testimony provided by witnesses and would meet no more than 10 days each year. We expect that the new DOJ office would provide administrative services to the board.

H.R. 4056 would authorize the Attorney General to reimburse, without further appropriation, expenses of witnesses called to testify at hearings held by the boards. CBO estimates that any changes in direct spending resulting from the act would be insignificant in any year. Enacting H.R. 4056 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 4056 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 5, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2565, the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 15, 2008. The two pieces of legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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